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1. [REDACTED], Hortensia Bussi de Allende, the widow of former Chilean President Salvador Allende Gossens, told [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that "Prensa Latina," the official Cuban news service, should promote a worldwide campaign to force the Chilean Government to release Laura Allende, the sister of former President Allende, from a Chilean jail. Bussi intended to enlist Maria Esther Zunio de Echeverria, wife of the President of Mexico, in an effort to gain her sister-in-law's release.

2. Bussi said that Laura Allende went into hiding and was subsequently arrested because the Chilean Government had accused all former Allende supporters of misuse of official Chilean Government funds. She felt "Prensa Latina" should publish a communique to the effect that neither the former President nor his family had received the 400,000 Chilean escudos owed them by the Chilean Medical Association which had opposed Allende's Government. Bussi now officially refuses to accept Allende's money deposited in the medical association and wishes it to be disbursed to the prisoners of the "Chacabuco Concentration Camp." Her purpose in donating these funds was to humiliate the present Chilean Government and perhaps assist in freeing her sister-in-law by refusing to accept funds owed her.

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